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## **REMARKS**

## Status of the Application

A Notice of Allowance for the application titled COPPER COMPLEXES AND THEIR USE AS WOOD PRESERVATIVES (Application No. 10/699,329) was mailed on January 18, 2005. Upon reviewing the application, Applicants have noticed that they have erroneously excluded John E. Feaster as a joint inventor to the invention in the patent application. Applicants submit the present Amendment under 37 CFR §1.312 to respectfully request the primary examiner to recommend that the Amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a) be entered and respectfully request the Director to approve the Amendment.

Along with the present Amendment, Applicants have included an Amendment and Petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a), a statement from John E. Feaster, the inventor being added, that the error of omission of his name as an inventor of then invention disclosed in this patent application was without deceptive intention on his part. Applicants have also included a declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.63, the processing fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i), and a written consent of the assignee of the patent application, that is, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., and a copy of the assignment executed by all the inventors.

The aforementioned amendment ensures proper disclosure and protection of Applicants' invention, and does not require a substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent Office. However, Applicants apologize for any inconvenience to the Examiner.

In accordance with the remarks set forth hereinabove, Applicants' attorney respectfully requests that the above Amendment to the inventorship be entered before the application issues as a patent.

## Summary

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered. As required by 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a), please charge the processing fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) of \$130.00 to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E. I. du Pont

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de Nemours and Co). Should there be a fee due which is not accounted for, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co).

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the requested Amendment under 37 CFR §1.312, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number contained herein below.

Respectfully submitted,

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